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1. Objection to amendment filed 12 Sept 05 with reference to the spindle threads being American Standard Uniform Thread Form:

The original disclosure 04/12/2004 specifies that the apparatus of the invention utilizes a 3/8 -16 threaded spindle.

The Office Action of 5/19/2005, Page 2, Detailed Action 3 states "rejection of the claim for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention".

In response to this rejection the thread series American Standard Uniform Thread Form was detailed, not as new matter but to clarify the matter in the claim. The 3/8-16 thread is a sub-classification it being an exclusive pitch/thread

combination of the thread type American Standard Uniform Thread Form. The threaded 3/8 - 16 threads per inch spindle in the disclosure of 04/12/2004 is the antecedent basis for it being designated. The 3/8 - 16 threads utilized in the apparatus of the invention is an exclusive thread/pitch combination of the American Standard Uniform Thread Form. It is the clear distinction, which separates the apparatus of the invention from prior art, which utilize Square, Acme and Buttress thread series.

In compliance with the Examiners findings the reference to American Standard Uniform Thread Form has been canceled from the claim. However there remains a relevance to this thread form as stated above.